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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner Brandon Rosati contacted Ms. Julia Dierker (Applicant's Attorney) to discuss the response to the 112 2nd rejection in applicant's submitted After Final Amendment. Examiner Rosati said he was unclear as to how the collar, not the tube maintained the tank foot in place as shown in Figure 7. Ms. Dierker pointed out that when the collar is inverted as shown in Figure 3, the tube does maintain the tank foot in place. Ms. Dierker further stated that Figure 7 showed a separate embodiment which they were not pursuing in this particular application. The Examiner agreed that the 112 2nd rejection should be withdrawn and that he would respond to the After Final Amendment.